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To: Residents, Families, Visitors, Contractors and Volunteers
From: Meg Clouser, Director of Health Services
Subject: COVID-19 requirements
Date: October 6, 2022

Recently CMS and CDC put out new guidance for health care providers in response to COVID-19. This is wonderful news. We will still have to adjust our everyday requirements and guidelines based on our local community and Foxdale community spread; however, we are hopeful this is a great step toward a more consistent response to COVID as we learn to live with it. The medical team will continue to monitor and adjust these guidelines as needed. Please carefully read the following changes that will affect all residents, families, visitors, and contractors. They will be effective Monday October 10, 2022.

- 1) Visitors, contractors, and volunteers will notice a change in questions when checking in on the Accushield in the main lobby. They will need to acknowledge they do not have symptoms of COVID-19 and understand the importance of helping to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- 2) Visitors, contractors, and volunteers should follow all masking requirements per facility postings.
- 3) Unless the county is under high transmission rates, **visitors can now be in common areas and at meals in the health center**. Foxdale will encourage physical distancing in these areas during larger events and gatherings in health care.
 - i. Visitors must wear masks when in common areas, unless eating.
 - ii. Visitors can dine in health care within private areas that include resident rooms or other designated/assigned areas.
 - iii. Visitors can attend programs in the health care areas.

We have done our very best to protect our most vulnerable residents through vaccinations, medicine and better understanding of the virus. We are grateful to the entire Foxdale community for your support. It has made a huge positive impact on our continued COVID-19 response and outcomes.

If you have questions about these protocol updates, please contact me at 814-272-2101.

Thank you.